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# PAULIFIC FLEE! ONLY A HOSTAGE Says Assailant Demanded His Money and Them Shot Him. TOLEDO, O., December 22.—Sylveytor Soles, a rectuse, sixty-five years of age, was shot five times with probably fatal effect at his home, south of Delta, O., this morning by J. E. Roach thirty-four years of age, was shot five times with probably fatal effect at his home, south of Delta, O., this morning by J. E. Roach thirty-four years of age, The latter was arrested here to-night and taken to Wauseon fall. Roach claims he demanded pay for some work he latter attacked him, and he shot its self-defense. One of the bullets shattered Soles's faw and cut the base of his tongue so that he could not tell, but before he became unconscious lie managed to show by signs that Hooch had demanded all his money and hat threat-ened to shoot him if he did not hand to yer. Says It Is a Mistake to Build Up a Navy Unless It Is the Best in the World—Otherwise Warships Show the PACIFIC FLEET

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RETURN OF FLEET

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WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22.—The program of the many Department, but as yet no betiston has been reached, and will not or some time to come, said Secretary the Navy Department's that the Navy Department's that the Navy Department's that the Navy Department's the Institute of the South Pour Come and Secretary the Navy Metcalf to-day.

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Pacific may be met by the reof perhaps several of Admiral ships in those waters.

Torpedo Flotilla Off for San Juan.

PORT OF SPAIN, December 22.—The aerican torpedo flotilla sailed for San an at 8 o'clock. The flotilla should be sailed yesterday, but was delayed account of late arrival of the the pply ship Arethusa, with provisions ther necessary supplies. All o are reported well.

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## RECLUSE IS SHOT

## \$250,000 FIRE

Partly Swallows II. Lacerating the Little Throat.

POTTSVILLE, PA., December 22.

Swallowing an open safetypin, Thomas, the six-months-old son of John Reed, of Tower City, died of his injuries. The baby was brought to the Potts-ville Hespital, where it was found the pin was caught in the throat. Though the pin was removed, the child died, the throat having been so lacerated that inflammation closed it.

EXPERT ON BANK NOTES

fined with a little oxygen in a glass jat.

The zoological prize was found in a pocket in a solid rock of limestone in a silver mine at Mutte, Mont., 500 feet beneath the surface, and was discovered by Charles Van Zandt, a mine the surface, and surface and his word was accepted as final by the denartment.

It was afterwards seen to move sluggerishly, although it had had no nourishment for hundreds of years, Dr. Hornaday says it would die if he should feed it.

17 THE LUCKY NUMBER

The Thomas Family Count All Important Events with Number.

WILKSBARRE, PA. December 22.—Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas, of Beach Haven, celebrated their golden word the date called to mind the odd coincidence of "seventeen" in their life. Each was born on the 17th of the month, and they were married on December 17, 1857. Their first child. Firman, was born on May 17th; their fith son, George, on Soutember 18th, and County of the second of the second of the presidents of their sevent son, Benjamin, or it seems and Guatemala.

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# DRUNKEN NEGRO

Prisoner Was Landed

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LONDON, December 23.—William T Stead, the editor of the Review of Reviews, in an article in the Daliy Mail justifying his recent advocacy of Great Britain's replying to Gereanny have Dreadnaughts for every one Germany have Dreadnaughts for every one Germany have because the whole German navy virtually is a hostage in the hands of a stronger power.

"For any power to have a fleet on the high seas," says the writer, "which is not the stronger, the American feet in the Pacific Uncless may be first to the whole value of the fiven mere silghtly. For instance, the American feet in the Pacific Lincks am will be bound over to good behavior to the whole value of that fleet. The United States, invulnerable on land, is venturing her head into the faws of the Asiatic lion.

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It was a matter of a few second before the dog beat a hasty retreat, and Teddy found it difficult to free himself from the dog's woolly back.

SAFETY-PIN KILLS A DARPA

lice of this city claim to have obtained a connected with the alleged assault of Mrs. Hershey, in Columbus last Priday. The statement credited to the negro was obtained to-day, and Young be held for identification.

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## SOUTHERN TRAIN WRECKED

Engineer Killed and Two Others Injured.

ATLANTA GA., December 22.—The westbound Southern Rallway passenger train, which left Atlanta for Birming ham at 4 o'clock this afternoon, ran into an open switch at Tallapoosa, Ga., resulting in the death of Engineer Downey, of Allendale, Ala., and causing slight injuries to the fireman and one passenger. It is believed by rall-road men that the switch was tampered with by train wreckers.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 22.—The hitherto all toads discovered under the same circumstances as was this meient, have been dead and often poirified.

This is a perfectly formed, medium-gived toad of the spadefoot variety, and has only one defect, it is blind. It neither eats nor drinks. It is confined with a little oxygen in a glass jar.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 22.—The cattral of Georgia passenger train onected with the United States Subtracted with the United States Subtracted in this clay at his home.

Death was due to pneumonia. In financial circles in this city Mr. Creamer was best known through his ankles. Several content of the properties of the specific properties of the sp

coaches were derailed.

Fireman Fatally Injured.

MONTGOMERY, ALA. December 22.

The eastbound passenger train of Georgia Railroad from Birryingham to Savannah was wrecked near Goodwater, Ala., to-night. The fireman was probably fatally injured, and several cars derailed.

## TAFT IS WATCHFUL

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Holds Centerence With this Compains Manager Regarding Political Struction.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22.— A conference was held here to-day between Secretary of War. Taft and his campaign manager, Arthur I. Vorys, of Ohlo, at which the political situation generally was discussed.

Mr. Vorys arrived at an early hour to-day from Columbus, O., and spent several hours with Secretary Vaft at the latter's residence.

Beyond the statement that he received with Mr. Taft generally what had then placed in the held of politics since the secretary's abscuce on his till around the world. Mr. Vorys declined to talk. He will return to Ohle to-morrow, but in the meantime he expects to talk over the Taft movement with political leaders here.

Secretary Taft left Washington at a colock this afternoon over the Batti-

## THIRD MARRIAGE

Woman's Second Husband Testifies Against Her, But Proposes to Witness.

It was the third matrimonial ven-ture for each, and the woman's second husband, John Cerveny, was one of the principal witnesses against her. She was Cerveny's second wife, and while he was disgusted with the match he, according to a statement made to Mr. Uhlir's attorney, proposed marriage to one of the witnesses, who herself is a "grass widow."

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Nearly every witness called has been married two or three times.

Strangely enough, Mrs. Uhilr sought and got the right to take the name of her first husband, Albert Sotek, the only one of the trio sho-buried.

## RIOT IN MEXICO

Priests and Nuns Take Part in Serious

22.—A special from Mexico City says Riots were in progress all day yes-terday at Sihuatlan, a village near

## ONLY ONE BILL PASSED

[From Our Regular Correspondent.] WASHINGTON, D. C. December 22, three weeks passed; that is the record of Congress thus far. The bill passed was one appropriating \$50,000 to buy seeds of the regular weeks, ago, Decembers and Senators, the supply having been destroyed by fire a few weeks ago. Prior to the session's beginning it was predicted that Congress would pass at once a bill relieving currency stringency. Some sort of a start in this direction was made by the appointment of members of the Currency Committee when Congress had been in season a week. The committee when Congress had been in season a week. The committee when Congress had been in season a week. The committee when Congress had been in season a week. The committee when Congress had been in season a week. The committee when Congress had been in season a week. The committee when Congress had been in season a week. The committee when Congress had been in season a week. The committee when Congress had been in season a week. The committee when Congress had been in season a week the control of the many into that wants to get the control of the many into the principal. Professor J. D. Stockton, sling for gold in back yards.

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Mine Owners Ank That Troops be Not Withdrawn From Goldfield.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22.—
It was stated at the White House tonight that telegraphic appeals sent by civic bodies, mine-owners and individuals of Goldfield to President Roosevelt grains upon him the necessity for retaining a portion of the Februl troops at Goldfield indefinitely had been received, but no action hed been decided upon,
Adjulant-General Alasworth stated

# TOLLING OF BELLS AT LIQUOR ELECTION

Dispensary Fight at Raleigh Ends in Whirlwind Blaze.

## GOV. GLENN AND WOMEN LEAD IT

with political leaders here.

Secretary Tatt left Washington at 4 Colock this afternoon over the Baltinore and Ohio Raffroad for Cincinnati, where he goes to qualify as an Executor of the estate of his mother, who died recently.

Day After Christmas Marks Real Battle for Prohibition—Citizens Willing to Pay Higher Taxes to Wipe Ont Wicked

> [Special From a Staff Correspondent.]
> RALEIGH, N. C. December 22;—
> Near the end of a whirlwind campaign
> the prohibition forces of this town declare that the dispensary will be swept out of existence on Thursday by a vote of two to one. Along with this claim comes the statement of the liquor children to school are fined unless they element that there has been a reaction within the past few days, and that the battle is uncertain. The more conservative opinion, however, is that the dispersary may lose by a narrow margin.

doubtful; the increase in taxation when Raleigh is dry, and the other, does prohibition prohibit.

The local dispensary was opened three years and ten months ago. Fig-ures made public to-day show that in that time the sum of \$854.358.14 was terday at Shuatlan, a village near Guadalajara, resulting from the arrest of a priest on a charge of fighting with a townsman. The priests and nuns called upon the town people to avenge this insult to the priest. Several hundred women and boys, armed with clubs and a few revolvers, attacked the town lockup and released the padre.

The priests have fied to the country, fearing that they would be punished.

The nuns, known as Sisters of Mercy, took a prominent part in the disorders. The alsturbance was finally quelled by the police.

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HE DISPUTES A \$2,000 KISS

Doctor Says Fair Patient is Mistaken in PittrsBurg, Pa. December 22.—Two thousand dollars for a kiss that does not belong to one is the price set upon osculation in this city by a suit brought against Dr. Geo. Winters, of No. 112 Cohasset Street.

The suit is brought by Mrs. Mae McKee, a pretty young matron, of No. 15 the rusband, Thomas L. McKee, a pretty young matron, of No. 15 ther husband, Thomas L. McKee, a pretty young matron, of No. 15 ther husband, Thomas L. McKee, a pretty young matron, of No. 15 ther husband, Thomas L. McKee, a pretty young matron, of No. 15 ther husband, Thomas L. McKee, a pretty young matron, of No. 15 ther husband, Thomas L. McKee, a pretty young matron, of No. 15 the people are preparing to kick it out.

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Led by Governor Gienn and the women, the campaign has about reached its climax, and on Thursday when the persecution and extortion.

The complaint says that Dr. Winters who was the family physician, while making a professional call three months ago, kissed Mrs. McKee just once, but would have done it again had not the infant awakened and interrupted matters.

Dr. Winters says no kiss in the world is worth \$2,000.

ONLY ONE BILL PASSED

Taken and roads were supported and built by theusands who came here from dry counties nearly to licker up. Had on the bidgen style licker up. Had on the bidgen style to licker up. Had on the bidgen style long ago. Now that there is proof of its failure as a mortal institution, the people are preparing to kick it out.

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## CUPID STRIKES FOUR

PITTSBURG.

## BULLETS AND BLOODHOUNDS

## CHILDREN STARVING

in Berlin Nearly 12:000 Children Attend School Without Brenkfast.

School Without Breakinst.

BBRLIN, December 22.—The municipality is face to face with a very serious problem in connection with the supply of fool to thousands of virtually starving children attending the primary schools in Berlin, whose numbers have been greatly augmented this year in consequence of the industrial inactivity. Hitherto the Children's Canten Sciety has been able to cope with the task in a fairly satisfactory way by means of subscriptions from private sources, but the calls on its funds are this year so great that it will be unable to supply many of the children.

In the first week of December, according to official satatisties from 245 out of the 285 primary schools, no secording to official statistics from 245 out of the 255 primary schools, no fewer than 11.347 children attended school in most cases without breakfast, and in all cases without the prospect of obtaining a midday meal at home. Of those, 4.498 receive a simple daily meal from the fourteen canteens belonging to the above mentioned society, the other 7.449 are totally supervised.

the other 7,449 are totally unprovided for.

The society will be able this winter to dispose of the sum of \$8,421.59, and this will be taken up by the provision of a meal a day to the 4,495 children already on its books. Altogether, for the feeding of the 12,000 starving little ones during the winter, \$37,500 will be necessary, and the council is to be asked to vote \$30,000 to make up the amount required and place it at the disposal of the society for administra-

## CORPSE GOT UP

Conner Caused Sensation Am Friends Bemonning His Death.

## NUGGET ONLY TOOTH-FILLING

Fowl's Craw Deceives Many Into Dig-ging for Gold. YORK. PA. December 22.—A well-developed contagion of gold fever, which threatened in a short time to have the borough of Dover, this country, looking like a honeycomb, was considerably reduced to-day by the identification of the nugget found in the craw of one of John K. Frey's fat pullets as a tooth-faining.

When the fowl was killed for the table the other day the bright yellow metallic object was discovered and pronounced to be a small gold nugget, and that set the whole borough to digging for gold in back yards.

"It warious statements, together with the opinions of Admiral Luce and other damirals, quoted anonymously, were recounted to him, and then he said: "Luce is right. The whole trouble is as he says, the bureau system of navn control. That is always the trouble, and no good can ever come out of the nay so long as it is controlled by those bureaus of the twenty-five-year-bod clique down there at Washington that wants to get the control of the navy into its own hands.

"It is that infernal clique that wants

BLOODLESS DUEL

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After Honor Was Satisfied the Duelista Became Reconciled.

BUDAPEST, December 22.—Dr. Wekerle, the Hungarian premier, and former minister of justice, Holoni, fought a duel to-day with swords as a result of an allegation of political dishonesty made against the premier by the exminister, at a sitting of parliament a

# ADMIRAL MELVILLE DEFENDS THE NAVY

PRICE TWO CENTS

Says the Attacks of the So-Called Expert Are Very Absurd.

## OLD, OLD STORY, HE ASSERTS

Ton for Ton and Gun for Gun, the American Navy Is the Best on Earth-The Admiral Is Very Well Known in Rich-

mond.

"Ton for ton, and gen party, we have the best warships in the world." proper construction of the crack fightvoice to the above-quited opinion of

Ex-engineer-in-chief of the United

Nat Conner Caused Sensation Among Friends Bemeaning His Denth.

Though apparently dead and ready for his grave, with an embalmer rushing toward him to prepare him for burial. Nat Conner, a middle-aged color to burial with the second of the many and said he "wan't dead, and didn't want to be buried nohow."

Nat had come home feeling unwell and he soon sank into a comatoes condition. His friends theought he had expired, and they hastily summoned is ham Mann, of the A. D. Price Undertaking Establishment (colored), graves and the many and have given it their Indorsement—some openly and others coverily. The some openly and others coverily. The

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